

Children's Health Program

Will provide CN full scope fee for service coverage to children:

- Under the age of 18
- Who are not eligible for Medicaid due to their immigration status and
- Who have family income at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level

Expenditures can not exceed program appropriations so enrollment will be limited:

- Approximately 4,300 children can be enrolled into CHP between 1/1/06 and 6/30/06
- An estimated additional 3,800 children may be added between 7/1/06 through 6/30/07 if appropriations are not exceeded
- Approximately 25,000 children would meet the eligibility requirements so it is anticipated that a wait list will need to be established soon after the program is implemented
- Access will be "first come first serve" only children active on AEM in 12/05 will be automatically enrolled in the program.

Implementation:

- System changes will promote in ACES the weekend of 1/14/06 and first cases will approve on 1/17/06.
- The program will be centralized at Medical Eligibility Determination Services (MEDS)
- A special Children's Health application has been developed but families may apply on any application
- Applications received before 12/1/05 will be denied for "no available program". Applications received between 12/1/05 and 12/16/05 will be considered a "day one application".
- A random selection of children will be pulled from the "day one applications."
- Any children not select from the "day one applications" will be placed in random order on the wait list.
- All applications received after 12/16/05 will be placed on the wait list by date order.
- Approval notices will not begin until 1/17/06.
- First notification to clients may begin 12/19/05 if application is selected and we need additional information to process.
- Anticipate notification to clients on wait list to begin February 06.
- To maximize state dollars "emergent services" will be billed to Title 19 - AEM by Health & Recovery Services Administration (HRSA).

On-going Case Maintenance

- HRSA will determine (based on expenditures) if/when additional children can be added to the program
- Names will be pulled from the wait list and families will be given 20 days to respond
- MEDS will be unable to give any wait list status
- No retro medical coverage will be available at this time
- Cases closed for no review, whereabouts unknown etc. will be given a 30 day reinstatement grace period

Communications

- 9/1/05 a letter/memo were sent to:
 - Schools
 - Community Advocates
 - CSOS
 - MACSC
- 9/6/05 information available on HSRA website address:
<http://maa.dshs.wa.gov/Eligibility/ChildrensHealth.html>
- 11/1/05 press releases will be sent:
 - Main stream media
 - Spanish and Russian papers
 - Spanish radio
- 12/1/05 HRSA provider memo will be released